

Rule 603. Oath or Affirmation to Testify Truthfully.

Before testifying, a witness must give an oath or affirmation to testify truthfully. It must be in a form designed to impress that duty on the witness's conscience.

Comment to 2012 Amendment

The language of Rule 603 has been amended to conform to the federal restyling of the Evidence Rules to make them more easily understood and to make style and terminology consistent throughout the rules. These changes are intended to be stylistic only. There is no intent to change any result in any ruling on evidence admissibility.

Cases

603.010 In the absence of an objection and something on the record to indicate otherwise, there exists the presumption of regularity in administering the oath.

State v. Navarro, 132 Ariz. 340, 645 P.2d 1254 (Ct. App. 1982) (in absence of objection, presumption that interpreter administered oath in Spanish to Spanish-speaking witness; objection required so trial court may cure any alleged error at trial).

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